

**In the Claims**

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Please cancel claim 19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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Please amend claim 2 by rewriting it in independent form, as follows:

2. (Amended) A chassis for an in-line skate, said chassis comprising:

at least one substantially horizontal foot-bearing portion;

b2 one longitudinally extending lateral flange extending downwardly from said foot-bearing portion, and one longitudinally extending medial flange extending downwardly from said foot-bearing portion;

each of said lateral flange and said medial flange having a top portion and a bottom portion, wherein:

both said top portions of said lateral flange and said medial flange being transversely spaced apart and both said bottom portions of said lateral flange and said medial flange being adapted to have attached therebetween at least one wheel;

each of said lateral flange and said medial flange having a stiffening rib, said stiffening rib having been made by pressing, extending longitudinally other than in a straight line;

each of said stiffening rib of said lateral flange and said stiffening rib of said medial flange comprises opposite ends, each of said stiffening ribs being continuous between said opposite ends.

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Please amend claim 6 as follows:

6. (Twice Amended) A chassis for an in-line skate, said chassis comprising:  
at least one substantially horizontal foot-bearing portion;  
one longitudinally extending lateral flange extending downwardly from said foot-bearing portion, and one longitudinally extending medial flange extending downwardly from said foot-bearing portion;  
each of said lateral flange and said medial flange having a top portion and a bottom portion, wherein:  
both said top portions of said lateral flange and said medial flange being transversely spaced apart and both said bottom portions of said lateral flange and said medial flange being adapted to have attached therebetween at least one wheel;  
each of said lateral flange and said medial flange having a non-circular boss, said boss having been made by pressing, said boss extending longitudinally other than in a straight line.

Please amend claim 15 by rewriting it in independent form, as follows:

15. (Amended) A chassis for an in-line skate, said chassis comprising:  
at least one substantially horizontal foot-bearing portion;  
one longitudinally extending lateral flange extending downwardly from said foot-

bearing portion, and one longitudinally extending medial flange extending downwardly from said foot-bearing portion;

each of said lateral flange and said medial flange having a top portion and a bottom portion, wherein:

both said top portions of said lateral flange and said medial flange being transversely spaced apart and both said bottom portions of said lateral flange and said medial flange being adapted to have attached therebetween at least one wheel;

each of said lateral flange and said medial flange further having a stiffening rib, said stiffening rib having been made by pressing, extending longitudinally other than in a straight line;

said stiffening rib of said lateral flange and said stiffening rib of said medial flange have longitudinally extending curved shapes, said curved shapes having a downwardly facing concavity.

[ Please amend claim 16 by rewriting it in independent form, as follows: ]

16. (Amended) A chassis for an in-line skate, said chassis comprising:

at least one substantially horizontal foot-bearing portion;

one longitudinally extending lateral flange extending downwardly from said foot-bearing portion, and one longitudinally extending medial flange extending downwardly from said foot-bearing portion;

each of said lateral flange and said medial flange having a top portion and a bottom portion, wherein:

both said top portions of said lateral flange and said medial flange being transversely spaced apart and both said bottom portions of said lateral flange and said medial flange being adapted to have attached therebetween at least one wheel;

each of said lateral flange and said medial flange further having a stiffening rib, said stiffening rib having been made by pressing, extending longitudinally other than in a straight line;

both said stiffening rib of said lateral flange and said stiffening rib of said medial flange have a longitudinal portion intermediate of opposite ends, said intermediate portion having a higher elevation relative to said opposite ends.

## REMARKS

### Status of Claims

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-18 and 20-30 will be pending, claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 12, 15, and 16 being independent.

### Summary of the Final Office Action

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, for not including the expressions "non-circular boss" and "said boss having an outline devoid of a straight line."

Claims 1-5, 7-12, 14-21, and 24-27 are rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,293,563.

Claims 1-5, 7-16, 18-22, and 28-30 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over MYERS et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,735,536, hereinafter "MYERS") in view of MacDONNELL (U.S. Patent No. 1,977,587).